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Agencies admit failing to protect water sources from fuel pollution

Los Angeles Times - . . . . state oil and gas supervisor Steven Bohlen was asked whether cyclic steam injection practices — in which steam is injected underground with such pressure that rock formations are crumbling and potentially creating dangerous sinkholes — are violating federal and state regulations. Bohlen said that he thought so but that he hadn't had time to "brush up on regulations."

California oil regulator under fire for aquifer injections

SFGate - The California office that for years let oil companies inject their wastewater into potentially drinkable aquifers needs a new culture more focused on protecting public health, state officials said Tuesday. "Here we are in the fourth year of a serious drought, and ...

California senators focus on oil industry, aquifers

Capital Press - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, meanwhile, set strict new deadlines

for California to start dealing with more than 2,000 oil-and-gas industry injection wells that state regulators had allowed to inject into underground water reserves that are federally ...

#### Loose Regulations Allowed California Oil Industry To Endanger Protected Aquifers

Huffington Post - Fran Pavley, D-Agoura Hills and chairwoman of the senate's natural resources committee, said California's oil-and-gas regulators "continue to ignore the law and regulations. Here we are in the fourth year of a serious drought, and the actions of the oil and ...

#### California oil regulatory agency aims to sharpen focus on protecting public

Ventura County Star - Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara, questions Resources Secretary John Laird, Secretary of the of the California about the agencies lapses in California's protection of water aquifers from oil and gas industry activities during a oversight hearing at ...

#### California Senators Focus on Oil Industry, Drinking Water

ABC News - lax oversight by the state has allowed the oil and gas industry to contaminate protected water aquifers and endanger the public, California regulators acknowledged Tuesday while pledging to intensify supervision. When it comes to a balance between ...

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